

REMARKS

This paper follows the Notice of Allowance mailed on June 25, 2007.

The Notice of Allowance requested the applicant to confirm an earlier provisional election of Group 1, claims 1-16 (erroneously-stated to be claims 17-23 near the end of page 2 of the Notice). By this response the applicant hereby confirms the election of Group 1, claims 1-16, without traverse.

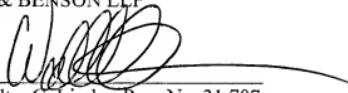
In the course of reviewing the application in connection with the notice, the applicant identified a missing serial number in a paragraph on page 4 of the originally-filed application. By this response the specification is amended to indicate the patent number for the now issued patent.

The above amendment to the specification is only formal in nature and does not require any substantial additional work on the part of the Office. Moreover, since the amendment is believed to be proper under 37 CFR §312, entry of the amendment is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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